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POLICE HELICOPTER AND CITIZENS LOCATE ROBBERY SUSPECT

(San Diego, CA) San Diego Police Department Air Support and patrol officers arrested Christopher Anthony Williams, 37, for a robbery that occurred just moments prior at a University Heights gas station.

Yesterday afternoon, just before 4:00 p.m., a male suspect entered the Park Chevron gas station located at 4180 Park Boulevard in University Heights. The suspect showed the clerk a note announcing the robbery and stating that he had a weapon. The suspect then punched the clerk in the face. The clerk opened the register and the suspect removed cash from the drawer. The suspect left the store on foot.

The San Diego Police Department helicopter, ABLE, was almost immediately on scene overhead. The ABLE officers broadcast information about the crime, including the suspect description. A female walking in the area saw the suspect acting suspiciously in a nearby alley. She then heard the public address announcements by ABLE and realized she had seen the suspect. She flagged down a patrol officer responding to the scene and pointed out the suspect. The suspect was detained and later arrested for the robbery. The clothing and accessories he wore at the time of the robbery were later retrieved from a trash bin where he was originally seen by the witness.

Williams was booked into county jail on one count of commercial robbery and for a parole violation. He is expected to be arraigned on January 23, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

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